

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

A new Abstract believed to be in more proper format under United States practice is submitted herein.

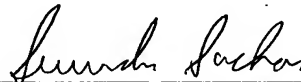
Further, claims 1-27 are amended to make minor editorial changes therein. The claim amendments to claims 1-27 are not believed to narrow those claims in any aspect.

The present response also sets forth new claims 28-32 for examination, which are deemed to be self-evident from the original disclosure and thus do not raise any issues of new matter.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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